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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/624,483

Applicants: Hidehiro SHIGA, et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

Group Art Unit: 2818

Examiner: HO, TU TU V.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the election requirement dated March 20, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse Species II, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figures 3-6, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1, 2, and 4-10, as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1, 2, and 4-10 are believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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